

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An ellipsoidal polarizing plate comprises two opti-  
cally anisotropic layers, a polarizing membrane and a  
transparent protective film. One of the optically aniso-  
tropic layers has an angel of  $5^\circ$  to  $85^\circ$  between the direc-  
tion giving the maximum refractive index and the layer  
plane. The other is optically positive and uniaxial, and  
has an angel of  $0^\circ$  to  $5^\circ$  between the direction giving the  
10 maximum refractive index and the layer plane.

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